

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 1, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING: 337 W 4th Grain Bin Property: Mayor Pavey said this is for the purchase of entire property. It clearly defines what has to happen in the first year. There may not be any interest, but it gives us the opportunity to look further down the road. Proposals will be accepted then they will be evaluated and scored. Newhouse said there is one parcel and also includes an alley way, but we probably want to retain the alley. Bridges asked since it is a West 4th Street address does this include any part on the north side of the railroad. Newhouse said it does not work out that way. Cameron asked if we will need to replat. Newhouse said we would not. Conner moved to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The week of the 24th is the Indiana Conference of Mayors.
2. We had a visit from Huntingburg. We spent the day comparing Stellar programs.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Brian Sheehan said the next big piece is working on the design for Riverside Gateway and Morgan Street Corridor. We have been surveying the areas. We have turned in the Owner Occupied application. The Berkemeier building is the first one

in the gate for the historic renovation grant fund. We had our quarterly stellar meeting. Everything seems to be in good shape. Smith asked about Campaign Quarters. Pavey said they are waiting on final financing. They hope to begin construction maybe in September.

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Cameron said the next concert is August 19. They are making some infrastructure upgrades which they hope to have completed by that concert.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – We are getting ready for bids on the ADA portion. Bids are due on the 11th. A contractor was in today looking at the project. The ADA portion will be done this year.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We will meet with Indot Friday.
- **Brownfield Grant** – John McCane will forward quarterly reports.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police - Chief Tucker handed out the statistics report. He said they are preparing for training at Camp Atterbury September 19th and 20th. Tucker said they have applied for a grant with Ninestar for body cameras.

Park – Park Director Burklow said he has been interviewing the 27 applicants. He hopes to have a candidate by Friday. He has been utilizing community corrections people. The new playground equipment will be installed Thursday.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said the remodel is 99% complete. He invited Council to stop by and take a look.

The platform truck is back on the road. It was not the transmission. The PTO was leaking.

Street – Commissioner Miller passed out maps for the paving and milling of the streets. Paving will begin Thursday.

Animal – Pavey reported that they will pick up supplies tomorrow.

There was an incident where a dog got loose and killed 2 cats, a service dog, and a lady's pet when she was at a yard sale. The question is what happens to the dog. Bridges said we need to look at our policy. If a dog killed another animal it is going to be hard to release it. Dr. Jackman

said he would recommend putting the animal down. Bridges will look at the policy and come back with a recommendation.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

1. **17-CO-07 Hubler Auto Center Signage** – Bridges moved to approve the corridor overlay for signage for Hubler Auto Center. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Employee Policy Adjustments** – Mayor Pavey and Clerk-Treasurer Copley met with Dr. Williams and Les Day. The next step will be to begin the process of salary parody. The policy will not be put in place until we are under the same roof.
2. **Resolution and Assessment Agreement Coordination – Campaign Flats, Durbin, Knights of Pythias** – This will be a revision with a new agreement and schedule.
3. **Resolution 2017-15 Amending Economic Development Area and Plans** – The matter will go before the Area Plan later this month. Then to Council and the Redevelopment Commission for approval.
4. **Traffic Committee – Parking Issues & Golf Cart Recommendation** - Chief Tucker reported that they have been dealing with a parking issue at 3rd and Spencer. The issue has been resolved. Indot will also re-evaluate the area.

1300 Park Blvd – They are conducting a traffic study due to a complaint of speeding vehicles.

Addressed a complaint at 5th and Perkins blocking a drive way.

800 block W 10th Street handicap parking issue. We need to amend and update our parking regulations ordinance regarding handicap parking spaces. Tucker passed out his recommendation. He said we need to Issue an amendment every year. Tucker will work with Newhouse on this matter.

Golf Carts - Chief Tucker passed out a packet proposal. He said they are trying to make the policy fair to the City and the citizens. He was asked if operating while intoxicated was enforceable. Tucker replied that it is enforceable. They did not include anything regarding brake lights and seatbelts, but it can be included. Tucker said he would like specific registration dates. Tucker said Council might also want to consider an impounding option. Berkemeier suggested that a continued renewal fee might be less than the original registration fee. Tucker asked for any feedback by the end of the week.

5. **Campus Property Contract** – Mayor Pavey said the goal is to get ownership of the property to the connect dots. We are not pushing to do construction immediately. Pavey gave an explanation of the importance of this project. Financing was discussed. Smith asked Copley if she was comfortable. Copley replied that the money was coming from funds that have been budgeted and are available. She said she was very pleased that the money was not coming out of the general fund. Conner asked if the training center was too close to Laker. The Laker family said it was not. After very lengthy discussion, Cameron moved to approve the land contract with Laker. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **New Abatement Policy (New Applicants)** – John McCane presented a sample packet for new abatement applicants. Berkemeier suggested that we require an assessment agreement. He said this would safeguard the government. He also suggested that they have the option to work out an agreement with the Assessor. Pavey said he would like to see an outline for new applicants.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Amend Resolution 2017-12 (New Attachments)** – Smith moved to approve amended Resolution 2017-12 with the new attachments. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Disposal of Property Former Grain Bin 337 W 4th** – Gary moved to dispose of the 337 West 4th Street property excluding the alleyway. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2017-16 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-16. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND MONTHLY BANK RECONCILEMENT: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Conner asked why the trees were cut down at the park. Pavey said it could now be used for parking. He said they are also looking at trees in the parks that are red flags for storms.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.